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### **"Check" Out and "Board" On This Bus Platform**

This week, LADOT installed a temporary bus platform on 1st and Main St. in front of the DASH A stop. The treatment eliminates the conflict between buses and people biking in the bike lane. It also eliminates the need for buses to pull up to the curb and then merge back into traffic constantly on a corridor.

Crews painted the platform with a checkerboard pattern to indicate a "mixing area." The "mixing area" on the platform surface is not intended as a waiting area for bus riders. Bus riders can continue to wait on the sidewalk as they did previously, and can cross onto the platform, either when a bus is approaching, or once the bus has stopped, to board the bus. Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians on the platform, and there is signage reflecting this.

This installation is a pilot and is being evaluated. This product has been used in other cities in the US and at hundreds of locations throughout Europe. This platform allows the bus to board and alight passengers without pulling in and out of traffic, improving bus service efficiency.

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### **MyFigueroa Construction Still Underway**

Progress on the [My Fig Project](#) continues to move forward on 11th St. Over the next few weeks, the public can expect to see the installation of street lighting poles along the north side of 11th St., as well as standard traffic signal work.

On Figueroa St., large new traffic signal poles will be installed at each intersection along the corridor. The transit guard rails are being installed at the first five bus platforms on the south end of the project. The public can expect to see rails and proposed bus shelters installed in 5 work-sites between Exposition and 23rd.

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### **Stop Wrecks, Don't Text**

To mark the beginning of [National Teen Driving Safety week](#), Los Angeles Councilmember Paul

Krekorian unveiled a PSA campaign to urge traffic safety and to remind teens and all drivers not to text while driving. Motor vehicle crashes are the [leading cause of death](#) for teens (15 to 18 years old) in the United States. LADOT Assistant General Manager Dan Mitchell joined the councilmember at a press conference launching the campaign, along with Deputy Chief John Sherman and Captain Richard Neiman of the LAPD Valley Traffic division. The advertisements, which are paid for by the Ad Council, will be featured on [LADOT DASH](#) and [Commuter Express buses](#).

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### **Thank You and Farewell: Chief Savelli**

Chief Gregory Savelli of the Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Division recently announced that he will be leaving LADOT to begin exploring the next chapter of his life. With 39 years of law enforcement experience, he has certainly earned that opportunity. Prior to joining LADOT, Chief Savelli served with distinction at five police agencies and was the former Chief of Police at Hermosa Beach.

Chief Savelli joined LADOT in 2012, accepting the challenge of reforming his division. During his tenure, great strides were made to improve the work environment and reestablish the credibility of Traffic Officers within the law enforcement community. We are honored that Chief Savelli chose to end his law enforcement career with LADOT. Many will miss his passionate manner and his exceptional sense of humor that kept those around him laughing often. All of us at LADOT wish him well and hope that his next chapter is as extraordinary as his last.

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### **Celebrating Decades of Service**

On October 12, Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Officers with over 25 years of service were honored by LADOT management at a reception and recognition pin ceremony. Officers with 30 or more years of city service also received commendations at the Transportation Commission's meeting. LADOT thanks these employees for all their years of service and dedication.

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